development of National Highways, no targets have been fixed by the Govt. for declaration of new National Highways in any State including the State of Gujarat. However, the length of National Highways in Gujarat at present is 1631 kms.

Over Burdened Roads

4237. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of road traffic carried by the National Highways out of total volume of road traffic in the country;

(b) whether Government are aware that out of 1,62,000 kms. of State and National Highways, a massive 64 per cent is just single lane while a minuscule 2 per cent being four-lane with the remaining being double lane; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to combat the problem of over burdened roads in the country?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) National Highways which constitutes about 2% of total road network carry about 40% of the total volume of road traffic in the country.

(b) and (c) The Government of India is primarily responsible for the development of National Highways only. The responsibility of other roads including State Highways rest with the respective State Governments. As regards national Highways, Government is well aware about the need for improvement of the existing National Highway network. Efforts are being made to take up the widening of the existing network in phases as per the availability of the funds and also through private sector wherever feasible.

New Facilities for Cargo Handling in Mormugao Port

4238. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Port Trust is planning to invest around Rs. 1,500 crore as part of its plan to set up new facilities for handling general cargo;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating whether Port is likely to invite private participation;

(c) whether it is a fact that in 1996-97, the Port handled 17.37 million tonnes cargo as agaisnt 18.10 million tennes achieved in 1995-96; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the target after providing additional facilities to handle cargo other than iron-ore?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) No, Sir. The outlay proposed for investment by the port during the 9th Plan is 200 crores.

(b) It is proposed to take up construction of general cargo berths West of Break Water, construction of new outer harbour, construction of master plan berths and acquisition of Captive Power Plan through Private Sector participation.

(c) yes, Sir.

(d) The main reason for decline in the total traffic is decrease in export of iron-ore and decrease in import of fertilizers through this port.

देश में कपड़ा मिलें

4239. **डा० जगन्नाथ मिश्र:**
श्री अजीत जोगी:

क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) वर्ष 1991-92 तथा 1996-97 के दौरान देश में निजी क्षेत्र, राज्य सरकारों तथा केन्द्रीय सरकार के अधीन वस्त्र मिलों की अलग-अलग संख्या कितनी थी और उनमें कितने-कितने श्रमिक कार्यरत थे; और

(ख) इन वर्षों के दौरान इन मिलों द्वारा कितने कपड़े का उत्पादन किया गया?

वस्त्र मंत्री (श्री आर० एल० जालप्पा): (क) वर्ष 1991-92 और 1996-97 के दौरान सूती/मानव निर्मित फाइबर वस्त्र मिलों के प्रबंधन-वार ब्यौरे तथा कामगारों के ब्यौरे निम्नानुसार हैं:—

प्रबंधन	1991-92		1996-97	
	मिलों की संख्या	कामगार	मिलों की सं०	कामगार
एन टी सी	122	168328	122	125202
एस टी सी	66	109746	66	92599
प्राइवेट	813	673989	1288	707630
सहकारी	116	102957	146	109774

(ख) मिल क्षेत्र द्वारा 1996-97 में कपड़े का उत्पादन अंनतिम रूप से 1905 मि० वर्ग मी० आंका गया है। तथापि, इसके प्रबंधन-वार ब्यौरे उपलब्ध नहीं हैं। वर्ष 1991-92 तथा 1995-96 के दौरान सूती/मानव निर्मित वस्त्र मिलों द्वारा निर्मित कपड़ा निम्नानुसार है:—

	मि० वर्ग० मीटर में	
	1991-92	1995-96
एम टी सी	548	198
एस टीसी	311	173
प्राइवेट	1490	—
अन्य	27	6
सहकारी	—	—

Revival Plan for NTC and NJMC Units in West Bengal

4240. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the status of revival plan of NTC and NJMC units under reference to BIFR;

(b) the action plan to pay the statutory dues of the workers; and

(c) whether a fresh proposal for reviving of NTC mills in West Bengal has been submitted by the Management; if so, the action taken by Government; if not, the present action plan of Government?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) As far as NTC is concerned, due to networth erosion 8 but of 9 subsidiaries have been referred to and declared sick by the BIFR. Government had approved in May 1995 a Revised Turn Around Strategy involving modernisation of 79 mills at an outlay of Rs.2005.72 crores, restructuring of 36 unviable mills into 18 viable units, etc. The strategy has been placed before the BIFR for the approval before implementation. However, BIFR has sought for certain concessions and reliefs in respect of NTC (APCC&M), NTC(MN), NTC(SM) and NTC(DPR), in respect of which the BIFR has published draft Rehabilitation Schemes. In respect of the remaining 4 subsidiaries referred to it namely, NTC(UP), NTC(MP), NTC(GUJ.) and NTC(WBAB&O), the BIFR has found the Rehabilitation Package not viable unless Government loans and interests are waived. The BIFR has therefore, issued show-cause notices for winding up these 4 subsidiaries.

The revised plan for NJMC is before the Government for consideration.